HOUSE BILL No. 1605

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 6-3.1-13; IC 6-3.1-13.1.

Synopsis: Economic development. Permits the Indiana economic development corporation to award an EDGE+ bonus to taxpayers who are subject to the federal medical device excise tax and create or retain jobs in Indiana. Provides that the EDGE+ bonus law does not apply after the date on which the federal medical device excise tax is repealed or expires under the Internal Revenue Code.

Effective: Upon passage.

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Introduced

First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 6-3.1-13-15.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.110-2010, SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 15.5. **(a) Except as provided in subsection (b),** this section applies to an application proposing to retain existing jobs in Indiana. After receipt of an application, the corporation may enter into an agreement with the applicant for a credit under this chapter if the corporation determines that all the following conditions exist:

(1) The applicant's project will retain existing jobs performed by the employees of the applicant in Indiana.

(2) The applicant is engaged in research and development, manufacturing, or business services, according to the NAICS Manual of the United States Office of Management and Budget.

(3) The average compensation (including benefits) provided to the applicant's employees during the applicant's previous fiscal year

exceeds the greater of the following:

(A) If there is more than one (1) business in the same NAICS industry sector as the applicant's business in the county in which the applicant's business is located, the average compensation paid during that same period to all employees working in that NAICS industry sector in that county multiplied by one hundred five percent (105%).

(B) If there is more than one (1) business in the same NAICS industry sector as the applicant's business in Indiana, the average compensation paid during that same period to all employees working in that NAICS industry sector throughout Indiana multiplied by one hundred five percent (105%).

(C) The compensation for that same period corresponding to the federal minimum wage multiplied by two hundred percent (200%).

(4) For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2010, the applicant employs at least thirty-five (35) employees in Indiana.

(5) The applicant has prepared a plan for the use of the credits under this chapter for:

(A) investment in facility improvements or equipment and machinery upgrades, repairs, or retrofits; or

(B) other direct business related investments, including but not limited to training.

(6) Receiving the tax credit is a major factor in the applicant's decision to go forward with the project, and not receiving the tax credit will increase the likelihood of the applicant reducing jobs in Indiana.

(7) Awarding the tax credit will result in an overall positive fiscal impact to the state, as certified by the budget agency using the best available data.

(8) The applicant's business and project are economically sound and will benefit the people of Indiana by increasing or maintaining opportunities for employment and strengthening the economy of Indiana.

(9) The communities affected by the potential reduction in jobs or relocation of jobs to another site outside Indiana have committed local incentives with respect to the retention of jobs in an amount determined by the corporation. For purposes of this subdivision, local incentives include, but are not limited to, cash grants, tax abatements, infrastructure improvements, investment in facility rehabilitation, construction, and training investments.

(10) The credit is not prohibited by section 16 of this chapter.

(11) If the business is located in a community revitalization enhancement district established under IC 36-7-13 or a certified technology park established under IC 36-7-32, the legislative body of the political subdivision establishing the district or park has adopted an ordinance recommending the granting of a credit amount that is at least equal to the credit amount provided in the agreement.

(b) The corporation shall evaluate an application submitted by a qualified taxpayer (as defined in IC 6-3.1-13.1-6) who proposes to retain existing jobs in Indiana under IC 6-3.1-13.1-8. The corporation shall determine under IC 6-3.1-13.1-8 whether to enter into a credit agreement with the qualified taxpayer.

SECTION 2. IC 6-3.1-13-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.171-2011, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 18. (a) The corporation shall determine the amount and duration of a tax credit awarded under this chapter. The duration of the credit may not exceed ten (10) taxable years. The credit may:

(1) include any EDGE+ bonus applied to the credit under IC 6-3.1-13.1; and

(2) be stated as a percentage of the incremental income tax withholdings attributable to the applicant's project and may include a fixed dollar limitation.

In the case of a credit awarded for a project to create new jobs in Indiana, the credit amount may not exceed the incremental income tax withholdings. However, the credit amount claimed for a taxable year may exceed the taxpayer's state tax liability for the taxable year, in which case the excess may, at the discretion of the corporation, be refunded to the taxpayer.

(b) For state fiscal year 2006 and each state fiscal year thereafter, the aggregate amount of credits awarded under this chapter for projects to retain existing jobs in Indiana may not exceed ten million dollars ($10,000,000) per year.

(c) This subsection does not apply to a business that was enrolled and participated in the E-Verify program (as defined in IC 22-5-1.7-3) during the time the taxpayer conducted business in Indiana in the taxable year. A credit under this chapter may not be computed on any amount withheld from an individual or paid to an individual for services provided in Indiana as an employee, if the individual was, during the period of service, prohibited from being hired as an employee under 8 U.S.C. 1324a.

SECTION 3. IC 6-3.1-13.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE

AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]:

Chapter 13.1. EDGE+ Bonus

Sec. 1. The purpose of this chapter is to mitigate the effect that the federal medical device excise tax under 26 I.R.C. 4191 may have on Indiana businesses engaged in the medical device industry.

Sec. 2. (a) Subject to subsection (b), this chapter applies to jobs created or retained after May 15, 2015, and before January 1, 2017.

(b) This chapter does not apply after the date on which the federal medical device excise tax is repealed or expires under the Internal Revenue Code.

Sec. 3. The definitions set forth in IC 6-3.1-13 apply throughout this chapter.

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "EDGE+ bonus" refers to any amount added to a taxpayer's credit amount under section 9 of this chapter.

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "federal excise tax liability" refers to a taxpayer's liability for the federal medical device excise tax under 26 I.R.C. 4191.

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "qualified taxpayer"refers to a taxpayer who has federal excise tax liability.

Sec. 7. Subject to section 2 of this chapter, a qualified taxpayer may apply to the corporation for an EDGE+ bonus for creating or retaining jobs in Indiana in a taxable year in which this chapter applies. The corporation shall prescribe the form for the application and require any information necessary to verify that the jobs have been created or retained by the qualified taxpayer.

Sec. 8. This section applies to an application submitted by a qualified taxpayer who proposes to retain existing jobs in Indiana. After receipt of an application, the corporation may enter into an agreement with the applicant for a credit under IC 6-3.1-13 and an EDGE+ bonus under this chapter if the corporation determines that one (1) or more of the following conditions exist:

(1) The applicant's project will retain existing jobs performed by the employees of the applicant in Indiana.

(2) The applicant is engaged in research and development or manufacturing, according to the NAICS Manual of the United States Office of Management and Budget.

(3) The average compensation (including benefits) provided to the applicant's employees during the applicant's previous fiscal year exceeds the greater of the following:

(A) If there is more than one (1) business in the same NAICS industry sector as the applicant's business in the county in which the applicant's business is located, the average compensation paid during that same period to all employees working in that NAICS industry sector in that county multiplied by one hundred five percent (105%).

(B) If there is more than one (1) business in the same NAICS industry sector as the applicant's business in Indiana, the average compensation paid during that same period to all employees working in that NAICS industry sector throughout Indiana multiplied by one hundred five percent (105%).

(C) The compensation for that same period corresponding to the federal minimum wage multiplied by two hundred percent (200%).

(4) The applicant employs at least thirty-five (35) employees in Indiana.

(5) The applicant has prepared a plan for the use of the credits under this chapter for:

(A) investment in facility improvements or equipment and machinery upgrades, repairs, or retrofits; or

(B) other direct business related investments, including, but not limited to, training.

(6) Receiving the tax credit is a major factor in the applicant's decision to go forward with the project, and not receiving the tax credit will increase the likelihood of the applicant reducing jobs in Indiana.

(7) Awarding the tax credit will result in an overall positive fiscal impact to the state, as certified by the budget agency using the best available data.

(8) The applicant's business and project are economically sound and will benefit the people of Indiana by increasing or maintaining opportunities for employment and strengthening the economy of Indiana.

(9) The communities affected by the potential reduction in jobs or relocation of jobs to another site outside Indiana have committed local incentives with respect to the retention of jobs in an amount determined by the corporation. For purposes of this subdivision, local incentives include, but are not limited to, cash grants, tax abatements, infrastructure improvements, investment in facility rehabilitation, construction, and training investments.

(10) The credit is not prohibited by IC 6-3.1-13-16.

(11) If the business is located in a community revitalization enhancement district established under IC 36-7-13 or a certified technology park established under IC 36-7-32, the legislative body of the political subdivision establishing the district or park has adopted an ordinance recommending the granting of a credit amount that is at least equal to the credit amount provided in the agreement.

Sec. 9. (a) If the corporation determines that a qualified taxpayer has created or retained jobs in Indiana in a taxable year in which this chapter applies, the corporation shall apply an EDGE+ bonus to the credit amount awarded under IC 6-3.1-13.

(b) The amount of the EDGE+ bonus for creating jobs is equal to the product of:

(1) the number of jobs created in the taxable year by the qualified taxpayer; multiplied by

(2) five thousand dollars ($5,000).

(c) The amount of the EDGE+ bonus for retaining jobs is equal to the product of:

(1) the number of jobs retained in the taxable year by the qualified taxpayer; multiplied by

(2) two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500).

Sec. 10. The following apply to a qualified taxpayer who applies for an EDGE+ bonus under this chapter:

(1) Any procedural requirement for obtaining a credit amount under IC 6-3.1-13.

(2) Any condition imposed upon a credit amount under IC 6-3.1-13.

(3) Any limit on a credit amount set forth in IC 6-3.1-13-18.

(4) Any compliance requirement imposed upon a recipient of a credit under IC 6-3.1-13.

Sec. 11. This chapter expires January 1, 2017.

SECTION 4. **An emergency is declared for this act.**